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General Comment

The TMDL current values should be kept in the final version of the document. They cannot be increased! Any increase bears the risk of producing health problems to the entire population living in the Bay region. It should be the responsibility of the states to ensure the maintenance of these levels, but just because they are not able to do so does not justify increasing the TMDL. Backstop allowances are preferable to increasing pollution levels if there is no other way for the states to reduce their releases of pollutants in waters. The health of the ENTIRE population is far more important than the economic well-being of PART of the population affected by pollution reduction measures.